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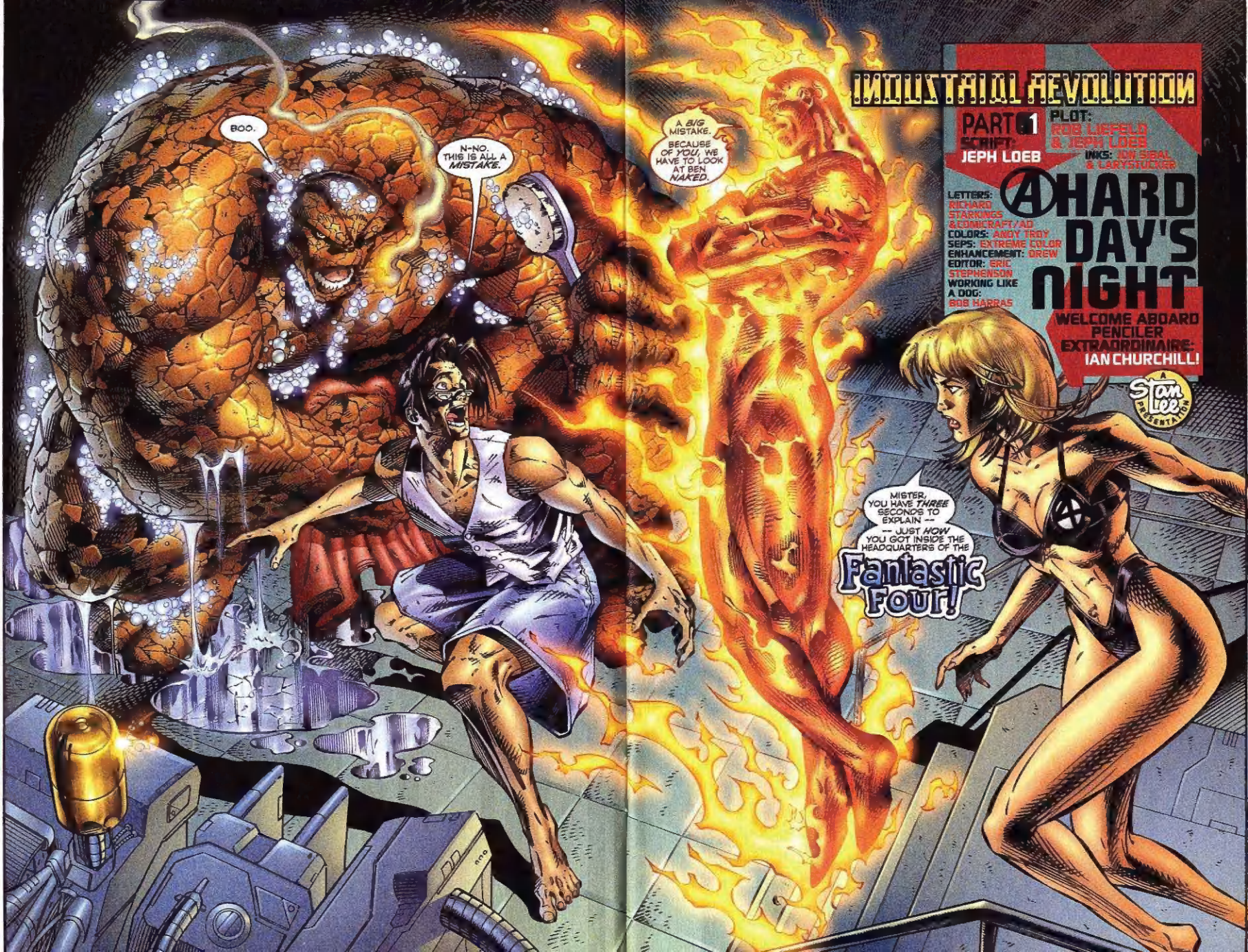
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BEN, CALM DOWN!
EASY FER YOU TA SAY, STRETCH.
YOU WEREN'T IN THE TUB WHEN THIS PIPSQUEAK BUSTED IN --
REED!
BRUCE?
BRUCE... YOU'RE ALIVE?!
UNFORTUNATELY...
HEY! I KNOW THIS GUY, DON'T I?
SINCE COLLEGE, BEN. YOU REMEMBER Dr. BRUCE BANNER.
WHAT I'VE DONE...
...GOD FORGIVE ME.
'SIDE FROM THERE NOT BEIN' ANY HOT WATER LEFT NOW --
-- HOW BAD CAN IT BE?

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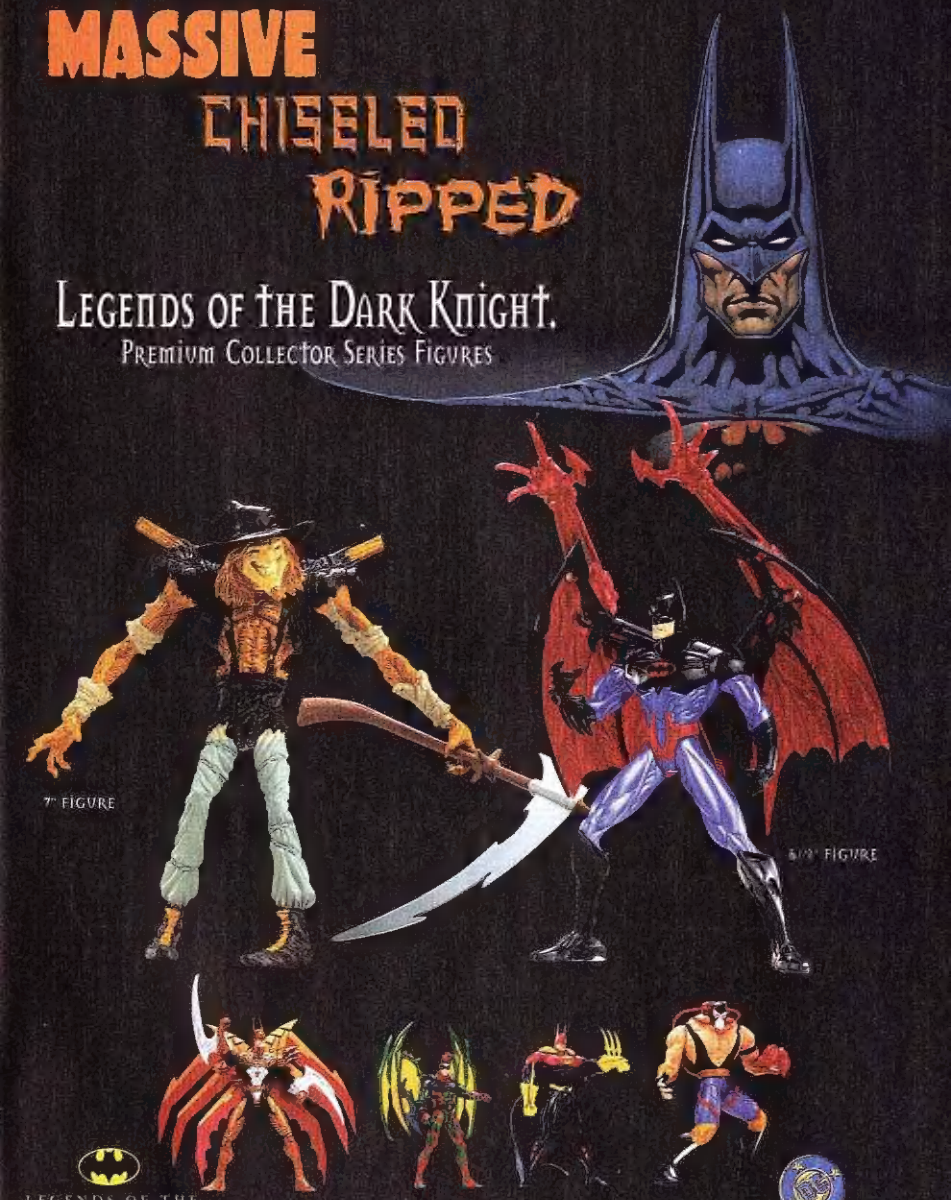

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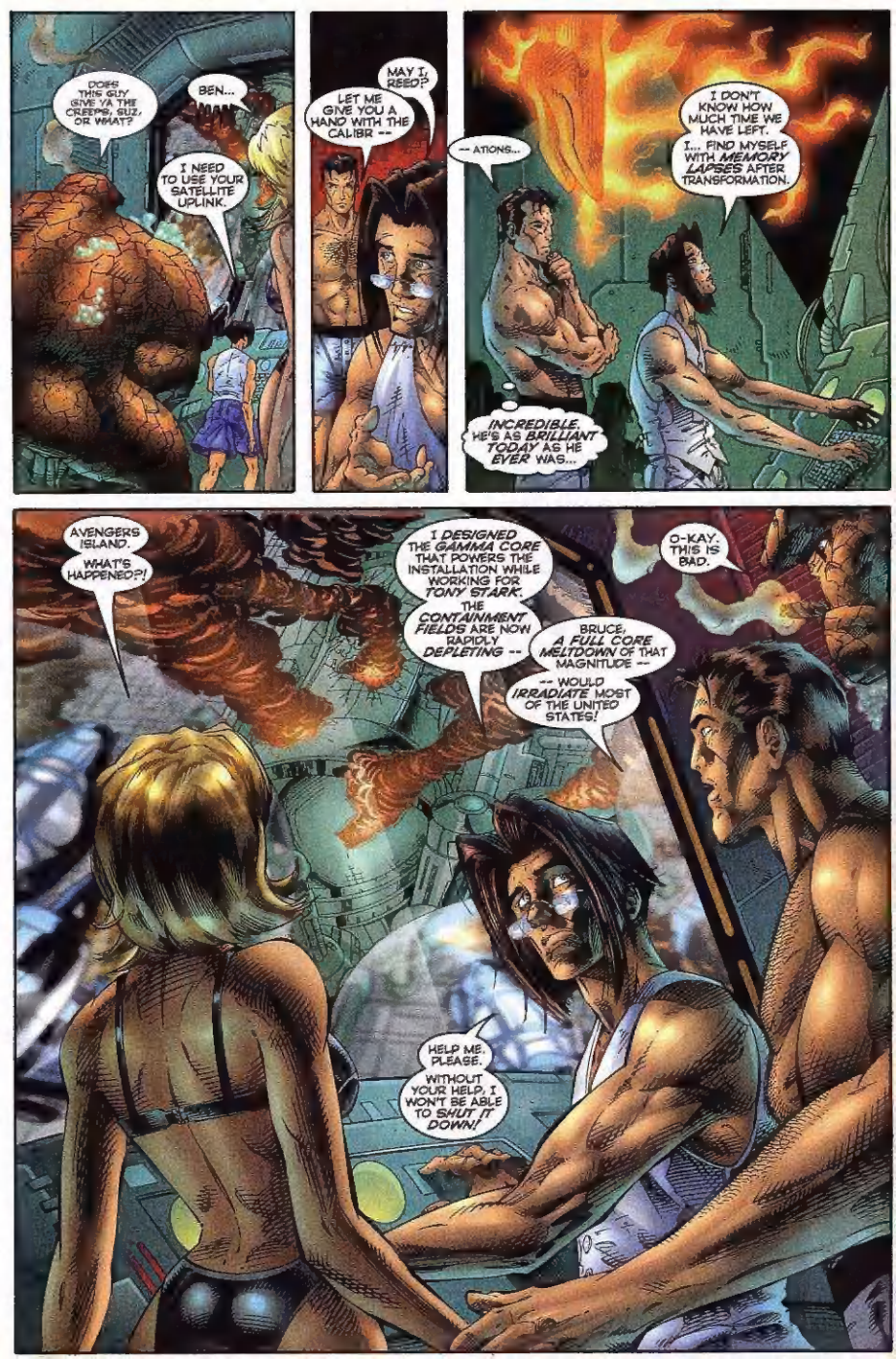
DOES THIS GUY GIVE YA THE CREEPS, SUZ, OR WHAT?
BEN...
I NEED TO USE YOUR SATELLITE UPLINK.
MAY I, REED?
LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND WITH THE CALIBR --
-- ATIONS...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE LEFT. I... FIND MYSELF WITH MEMORY LAPSES AFTER TRANSFORMATION.
INCREDIBLE. HE'S AS BRILLIANT TODAY AS HE EVER WAS...
AVENGERS ISLAND. WHAT'S HAPPENED?!
I DESIGNED THE GAMMA CORE THAT POWERS THE INSTALLATION WHILE WORKING FOR TONY STARK. THE CONTAINMENT FIELDS ARE NOW RAPIDLY DEPLETING --
BRUCE, A FULL CORE MELTDOWN OF THAT MAGNITUDE -- -- WOULD IRRADIATE MOST OF THE UNITED STATES!
O-KAY. THIS IS BAD.
HELP ME. PLEASE. WITHOUT YOUR HELP, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SHUT IT DOWN!

COLONEL, THIS IS A PUBLIC RELATIONS NIGHTMARE. WE NEED TO SPIN THIS --
-- SELLARS. THAT'S NO LONGER YER PROBLEM.
IT ISN'T?
NOPE. 'CUZ YER FIRED.
DON'T LET THE SCREEN DOOR HIT YA ON THE WAY OUT.
AND GYRICH, YOU'LL GET YERS LATER.
ONE MILE ABOVE THE EARTH, ABOARD THE S.H.I.E.L.D. HELI-CARRIER.
THE MAN IN CHARGE IS COLONEL NICK FURY.
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"THE AVENGERS AND AVENGERS ISLAND ARE S.H.I.E.L.D. OPERATIONS.
"LIVES ARE AT STAKE.
"ANYTHING ELSE IS SHORT-CAKE."
COLONEL FURY, MOTION DETECTORS ARE PICKING UP SOMETHING IN THE SOUTH QUADRANT.
HOSTILE?
RRROOORR
Um.
HARD TO SAY, SIR.
BUT, I... THINK WE'VE FOUND HELLCAT.

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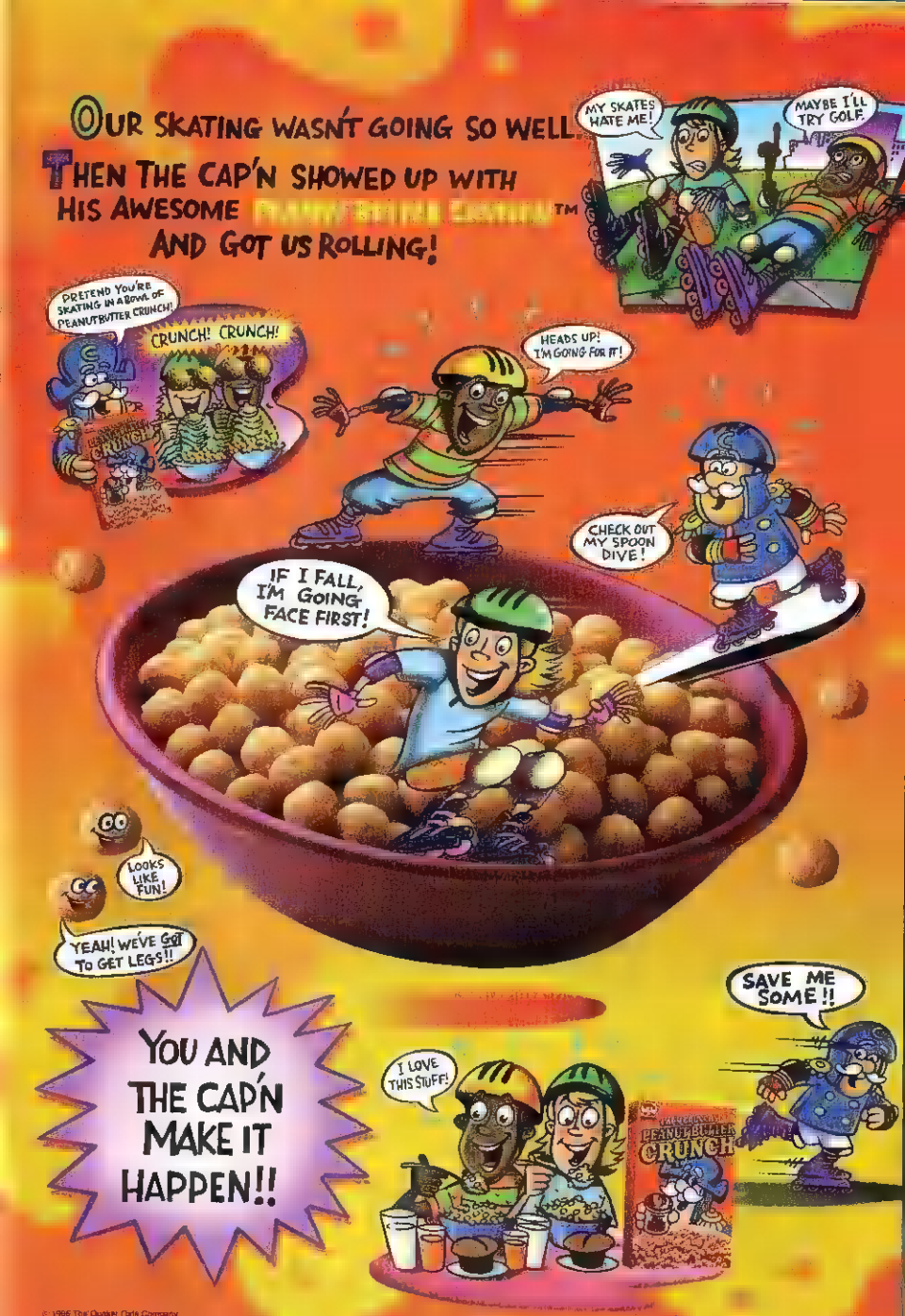
COLONEL! WE'VE LOCATED CAPTAIN AMERICA!
AND...?
COME ON, YA GOLDBRICK! DID THE PATRIOT MAKE IT OR NOT?!
NNGNN
WHAT...
WHAT'S OUR SITUATION, SOLDIER?
GRAVE, SIR.
THE HULA TORE THROUGH HERE PRETTY BAD.*
WE'VE GOT HAWKEYE AND SWORDSMAN ON EVAC TO THE HELICARRIER.
THEY'RE BOTH IN CRITICAL CONDITION...
* LAST ISM -- Epic!

"AND COLONEL FURY HAS GAMMA OPS GOING INTO THE CORE AS WE SPEAK."
GAMMA READING 92.4
GAMMA READING 95.9
GAMMA READING 99.9
DAMN...

GYRICH.
GET YER SORRY SELF DOWN TA TRANSPORT.
WE NEED HARDWARE THE LIKES OF WHICH --
GYRICH..?
SELLARS!
WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOIN' ON AROUND HERE?!
THEY CANNOT HEAR THEE.
OR SEE ME.
Um-hum.
AND WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TA BE?
ONE OF THE AWESOME THINGS ABOUT THIS ALTERNATE UNIVERSE...
...MORTALS QUESTION ITS VERY REALITY.
ODD, SINCE THOU ART BOTH A DECEIVER AND MANIPULATOR.
LIKE MYSELF.
AND HOW YOU PLAY THY HAND --
ME?
THOU ART IN THE PRESENCE OF --
LOKI, THE GOD OF MISCHIEF!
Oh, YEAH?
HOW'S 'BOUT I TELL YA UP FRONT --
-- I DON'T BELIEVE IN GODS.
-- WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF MY CURSED HALF-BROTHER THOR AND THESE SO-CALLED AVENGERS...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MAYBE I'LL TRY GOLF.
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CRUNCH! CRUNCH!
HEADS UP! I'M GOING FOR IT!
CHECK OUT MY SPOON DIVE!
IF I FALL, I'M GOING FACE FIRST!
LOOKS LIKE FUN!
YEAH! WE'VE GOT TO GET LEGS!!
YOU AND THE CAP'N MAKE IT HAPPEN!!
I LOVE THIS STUFF!
SAVE ME SOME!!
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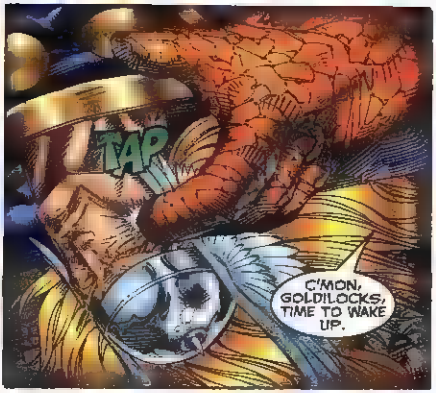
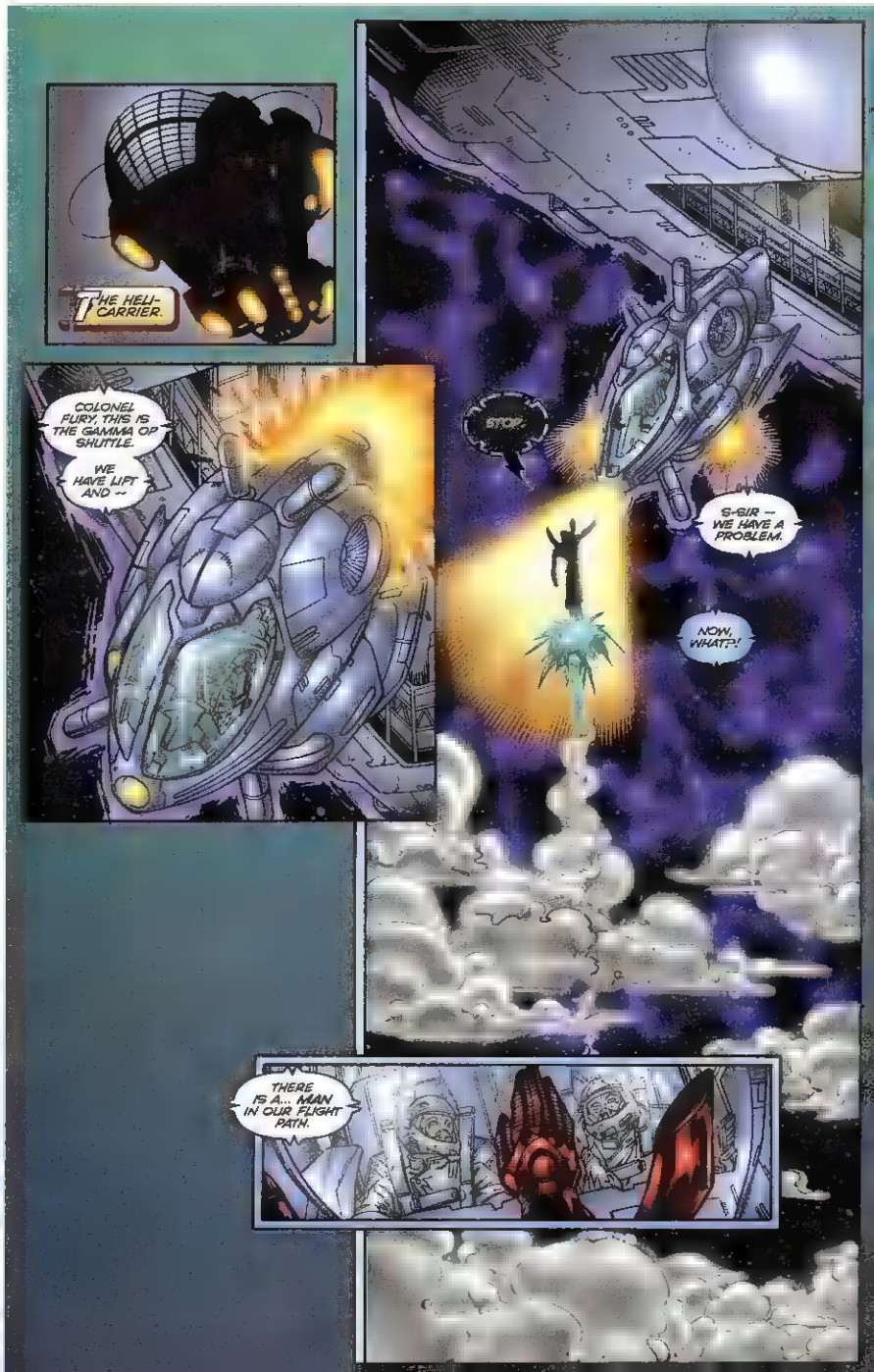
AVENGERS ISLAND.
WHOOSH
WE'RE IN.

REED! ISN'T THAT THOR?
APPARENTLY.
YOUCH. HE'S SEEN A BETTER DAY.
THIS... IS ALL MY FAULT.

DON'T HEAR NO HEARTBEAT.


TAP
C'MON, GOLDILOCKS, TIME TO WAKE UP.

YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD.
MAYBE I CAN GET BLONDIE HERE TO SNAP OUTTA IT...


THE HELI-CARRIER.
COLONEL FURY, THIS IS THE GAMMA OP SHUTTLE.
WE HAVE LIFT AND --
STOP!
S-SIR -- WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
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-- AND DOESN'T WANT ANY.
THE ORIGINAL SCHEMATICS FOR AVENGERS ISLAND WERE [illegible] BY STARK ENTERPRISES.
MISTER STARK TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY.
HE WAS VERY ADAMANT THAT BOTH YOU AND S.H.I.E.L.D. ARE TO STAY CLEAR.
AND HOW ARE YOU GONNA STOP US?!
"OPE."

THAT MISTER STARK DESIGNED YOUR GAMMA SHUTTLE?
BOTH IT AND YOUR WILL BE QUITE SAFE.
IN THE HUDSON RIVER.
YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO KNOW THE CODE FOR SHUTTING DOWN THE WHOLE HELICARRIER, DO YOU?
HE IS QUITE GOOD AT THIS.
FOR A MORTAL.
THE HELICARRIER.
YOU WOULDN'T DARE.
TRY ME.
...
YA GOT ONE HOUR.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE STARK FOUND A GUY WITH YER GUTS, SHELLHEAD.
YER MADE OF STERNER STUFF THAN HE'LL EVER KNOW.

SURE THAT.
TIME I SEE HIM.
LIFE IS SO STRANGE.
SINCE BECOMING "IRON MAN", I'VE LEARN■ MORE ■OUT BEING TONY STARK THAN I EVER D■ AS --
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THOR DID THIS..?
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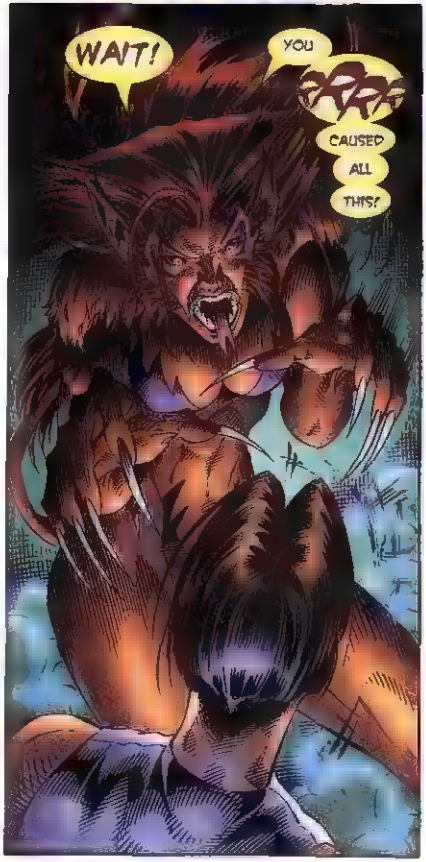
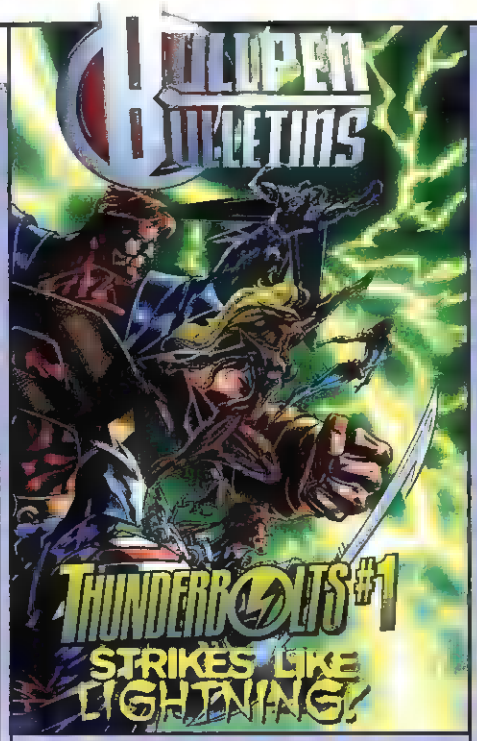
SNIKT!
GRRRRR


WAIT!
YOU
GRR
CAUSED
ALL
THIS?

STAND DOWN, HELLCAT.
WHATEVER YOU SUSPECT, NOW IS NOT THE TIME.
GRRR
HAVE... TO STAY... CALM...
WHATEVER... THE COST...
I CAN'T LET... IT... OUT...



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EDITORIAL PROFILE: BOBBIE CHASE ON PAROLE AND IN PRINT!

WHAT [illegible] EDITS: INCREDIBLE HULK, ELEKTRA, STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY, STAR TREK: EARLY VOYAGES

[illegible] SHE'S FROM: Fishkill, NY. Recently, some irate animal-lovers wrote to the mayor asking that the name of the town be changed.

[illegible] SHE'S GOING: Downhill. *Real* fast.

FIRST JOB: Right out of college, my first job was working as a receptionist and fit model for Bill Blass.

[illegible] JOB: That *was* my worst job! Except, of course, for making ice cream sundaes and slapping mayo on sandwiches at the college snack bar. Now I hate mayonnaise.

JOB YOU'D RATHER SOMEONE ELSE DID: My husband won't do light gardening, because *he's* afraid he'll ruin the plants, but he digs holes and carries manure and peat moss. Because I have a very delicate back, you know.

HOW SHE GOT [illegible] COMICS: I answered an ad in the *New York Times*. It didn't say anything about Marvel, though. It said " Assistant editor needed for monthly graphic publication. No typing." I thought to myself, "Great! I can't type!"

WHY SHE LOVES COMICS [illegible] MUCH: Because I have a really swell time putting the lettering in the little balloons, and I like coloring and stapling the pages together.

RECENT BRUSH WITH FAME: I went to visit the Paramount studios, and my jaw dropped when I got a load of Avery Brooks (Captain Sisko on *Deep Space Nine*). What a handsome man! Then my other jaw dropped when I saw his stand-in! I also got to meet Nana Visitor (Kira on *DS9*) and Kate Mulgrew (of *Voyager*). Kate Mulgrew is much prettier in real life than she is on the show!

RECENT BRUSH [illegible] DISASTER: The Christmas tree fell over, and, for the second year in a row, something caught fire at my Christmas party!

[illegible] YOU ONCE DID OF [illegible] YOU [illegible] TERRIBLY [illegible]: Oh, that six-month stint in prison, I guess. It's great that Marvel has such a lax hiring policy!.

J.M. DeMATTEIS MAKES LIKE A TREE...

...and branches out! J.M., who writes both SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN and SILVER SURFER, has recently completed work on a CD of original music! Featuring a dozen songs — from screamin', kick-out-the-jams rock 'n' roll to make-ya-cry-in-yer-coffee acoustic ballads — about the ups, downs, and the unexpected sideways of the spiritual search! Wanna learn more about the musical side of the man who makes the *Silver Surfer* tick and *Spidey* stick? Write to:

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ADVENTURES IN THE BULLPEN

Bobbie Chase isn't the only Bullpenner who's gotten to hobnob with the stars, y'know! In fact, many Marvel staffers are practically black and blue from rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous! Assistant editor *Glenn Greenberg* reports that he was walking with some friends in New York City one night, when the gang happened to spy beloved comedian *Jackie Mason* hoofing it down the street, right towards them! "Hey, *meshuggeneh!*" screamed Glenn's boys, hoping to win Jackie's heart by referring to him in Yiddish as a crazy man! Instead, Mason hid behind his famous lawyer, *Raoul Felder* (father of our own *James "Professor" Felder*), and quickly hotfooted it around the corner!

Assistant editors *Paul Tutrone* and *Jason Liebig*, along with Bullpen letterer *Caroline Wells*, attended a comic book signing by that Star Warrior himself, actor *Mark Hamill*, at a popular Manhattan comic book store! "Wow...*Luke Skywalker!*" was all Paul was able to say. Caroline was a little more articulate. "He kept talking and wouldn't let go of my hand," she recalls. "It was kind of flattering!" Jason adopted a rather jaded attitude towards the whole thing, which he can afford to do, as he recently appeared on the USA channel's *Up All Night*, where he rocketed to fame by plunging a knife into host *Gilbert Gottfried's* chest!

Not to be outdone by a bunch of assistant editors, marketing guy *John Dokes* was seen strutting his stuff in a rap video by *06 Style*, which was aired by request on the BET television show "The Hits List"! Directed by none other than *John Singleton*, of *Boyz in the Hood* fame, the video shows John boogeying hard in a bright orange shirt, black pants, and a thin sheen of sweat – which is no different from what he does here at the office! Sheesh! John insists that the video was requested more for 06 Style than for him, but we think somebody got one look at Dokes's bouncing buttocks and just couldn't get enough!

Watch your back, true believer, 'cuz SPIDER-MAN: DEAD MAN'S HAND is reaching for the comic book racks in a mere seven days! There's 48 pages in this barn-burner of a one-shot, and it only takes three of 'em for the evil and thoroughly rotted *Carrion* to dig his way out from six feet under and go after *Spidey* like *Bob Harras* goes after an unattended cup of coffee! Yep, this blockbuster stand-alone issue will outline in gory detail the return of Carrion, revamped for more guts and even less glory!

"Carrion's status at the end of the clone storyline left a lot of questions that will be answered once and for all in this book," says editor *Tom Brevoort*. The walking carcass is looking to become a major player in Spider-Man's life this year, and this issue is sort of like his spring training!

SPIDER-MAN: DEAD MAN'S HAND is written by legendary Spidey writer *Roger Stern* – "You know," says Tom, "the genius behind SPIDER-MAN: HOBGOBLIN LIVES!" *Darick Robertson*, a man whose pencil has done raw justice to every character from *Gambit* to *Howard the Duck*, will be penciling the book, with an assist by Dandy *Dan Lawlis*, who recently helped to bring *Starlord* back in spectacular fashion! As for Carrion, well, if Spidey doesn't watch his back, it looks like he may be running the show!

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EXCALIBUR #108 *Excalibur* are seeing red as the *Dragons of the Crimson Dawn* arrive on the scene! By *Ben Raab* and *Salvador Larroca!*

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X-[illegible] #63 *Sebastian Shaw* of the recently realigned *Inner Circle* gains an ally and sets out to kick some mutant butt! By *Scott Lobdell* and *Carlos Pacheco!*

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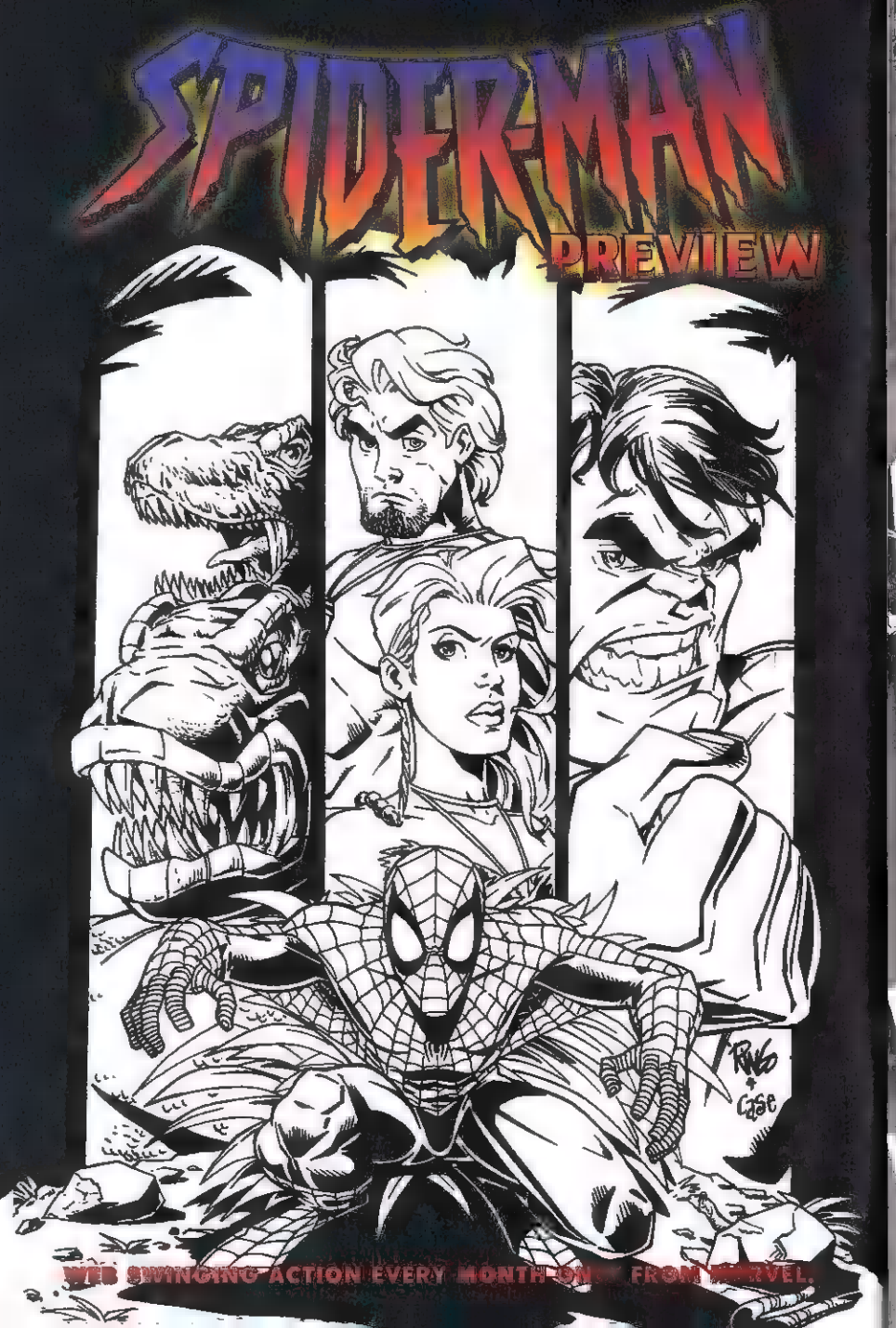
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